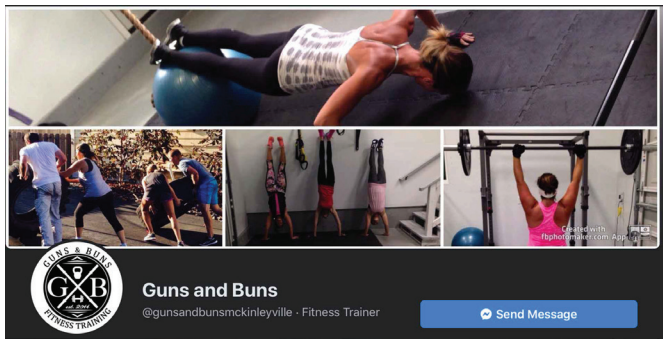


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HUMCO COVID COUNT, MONDAY, OCT. 12:	TESTS	CASES	HOSPITALIZED	RECOVERED	DEATHS	RISK
	31,038	529	32	505	8	Minimal
Cases are somewhat sporadic, and contact tracing can be used to control the virus. Take everyday enhanced precautions.						Tier 4



HOME BUSINESS The Guns and Buns Facebook page. Via FACEBOOK

NHUHSD candidate runs business with no license or COVID plan

Jack Durham

MAD RIVER UNION

McKINLEYVILLE/ARCATA — A candidate who is running for a seat on the Northern Humboldt Union High School District Board of Trustees has been operating a fitness gym without a business license or a county certified COVID-19 reopening plan.

Janelle Jones, who is one of three candidates running for two seats on the board, was recently operating Guns & Buns Fitness Training at 2512 Dragonfly Place, located in a residential-zoned neighborhood in McKinleyville.

The gym includes weight lifting equipment and offered fitness classes for \$10 an hour, according to the company's Facebook page, which was taken down early last week.

The page reappeared near the end of the week with changes. The hours of operation, which were listed as Monday through Friday from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m., were removed, as well as several postings.

The gym also sold hats and hoodies, and offered special rates for workouts for children.

Reached by phone Oct. 7, Jones said "I do have a business license." She then said Guns & Buns is no longer operating. Asked when it closed, she said "a while ago," but wouldn't specify when it closed.

Jones then said "Sorry, you're breaking up," and the phone call ended. When the *Union* called Jones back, her phone went straight to voice mail.

The *Union* sought clarification, leaving Jones a voice message and sending her an email.

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The sandy outpost of Manila plans for park

Jack Durham

MAD RIVER UNION

MANILA — Creating a dog park, improving trails and eliminating the existing campground are among the ideas proposed for Manila Park.

Thirteen people participated in a virtual community meeting Oct. 8 to share their vision for the 11-acre park, located on the east side of the sandy outpost adjacent to Humboldt Bay.

The Peninsula Community Collaborative is working with the Manila Community Services District to come up with ideas for park improvements.

"We are really looking for a range of ideas," said Emily Sinkhorn, who helped coordinate the meeting.

The district may apply for Prop 68 funding to pay for improvements.

Meeting attendees were broken into small groups to brainstorm ideas for the park.

Some of the ideas include improving the park entrance, installing a welcome sign, improving the trails that lead to the bay and creating a dog park.

Other ideas include reconfiguring the disc golf course, improving the playing field, installing functional art benches and a bicycle rack.

One participant proposed creating a covered

pavilion that would allow for outdoor basketball when it's raining. Another person suggested building a multi-purpose court for pickle ball and bike polo.

Community members can give further feedback on Saturday, Nov. 14 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Lighthouse Plaza, 180 Lupin Dr. in Manila when the Peninsula Community Collaborative holds a pop-up event. The group will share ideas and take input.

Community members are also encouraged to take an online survey at [surveymonkey.com/r/ManilaParkSurvey2020](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ManilaParkSurvey2020).



THE NEW NORMAL A simplified sampling of expanded or newly allowed activities.

Via Humco COVID

COVID restrictions ease, but status is fragile

Daniel Mintz

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HUMBOLDT — Humboldt County has moved into a less restrictive COVID-19 risk ranking — but only barely.

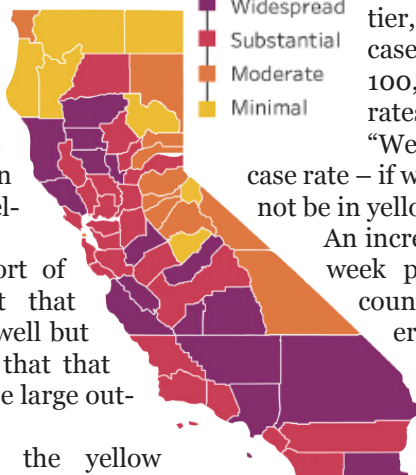
The county announced the new scenario in an Oct. 7 press release. Formerly ranked by the state in an orange or Moderate Risk category, the county is now at the yellow Minimal Risk level. The change is based on the county's case rate per 100,000 people and its testing positivity rate.

Those are at two per 100,000 and 1.5 percent. And in an Oct. 7 media

availability video, Acting Health Officer Dr. Teresa Frankovich said the case rate puts the county right on the line between yellow and orange.

"We want to sort of celebrate the fact that we're doing really well but recognize the fact that that can change with one large outbreak," she said.

To move into the yellow



tier, counties must have case rates below two per 100,000 and positivity rates below two percent.

"We were at two for our case rate — if we were at 2.1, we would not be in yellow," said Frankovich.

An increase in cases for a two-week period will return the county to the higher, moderate risk tier. "So we really need everybody to stay on board with what they've been

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FACES YOU CAN SEE NHUHS candidates Cedric Aaron Jr. and Aristea Saulsbury.



Via ACCESS HUMBOLDT

Two of three NHUHS candidates talk issues, values

Kevin L. Hoover

MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT — Two of the three candidates for the Northern Humboldt Union High School District recently participated on an online candidate forum. Two seats are available on the district's five-member board of directors.

Appearing in the forum were Cedric Aaron Jr. and incumbent Aristea Saulsbury. Candidate Janelle Jones did not respond to an invitation from League of Women Voters of Humboldt County, which hosted the forum.

The forum may be viewed on Access Humboldt's web-

site and on YouTube.

Saulsbury introduced herself as a McKinleyville resident, mother and teacher. Her service on the board, she said, has been "a proud place for me to help build community." In office, she's immersed herself in the details of

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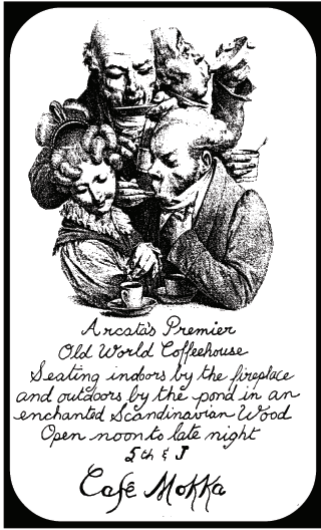
BLUE LAKE – The Blue Lake Union Elementary School District announced that it completed a transaction on Sept. 29 to refinance some previously issued Measure K bonds that were approved by voters in 2010. Measure K is a \$2 million General Obligation Bond that allowed the district to repair structures, upgrade access to technology and build a new gymnasium.

“Our community has always been very supportive of the school. This refinancing opportunity was a wonderful way to give back to our taxpayers,” said Superintendent-Principal DeAnn Waldvogel.

The savings represent a reduction in the interest rate from 4.75 percent to below 3 percent. These savings generated by refinancing the bonds at historically low interest rates will be passed on to district taxpayers in the form of lower property tax bills. The transaction is similar to a homeowner refinancing a mortgage and does not increase the term of repayment.

The bonds were well received in the market enabling the district to achieve a Net Present Value savings of 22 percent, per the district’s financial advisor, CFW Advisory Services (CFW). This savings level is much higher than the minimum savings threshold of 3 percent to 5 percent established by the Government Finance Officers Association and will help to reduce future property tax levies in the district.

The district’s action to refinance its general obligation bonds was unanimously approved by the Board of Trustees. Board President Daria Lowery, said, “The board’s action reflects our continued commitment to looking out for our taxpayers’ interests. We are pleased that CFW brought this opportunity to our attention as this action will benefit our community during this difficult time.”



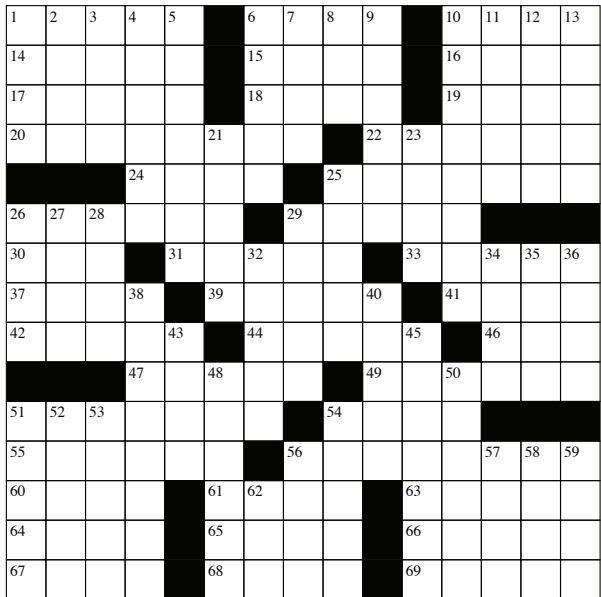
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ARCATA – With the onset of wet weather season, the Environmental Services Department reminds builders that all construction activities causing soil disturbances are required to have appropriate erosion control Stormwater Best Management Practices (BMPs) in place by Thursday, Oct. 15.

State regulations require that BMPs are installed and properly maintained to prevent soil and sediment from leaving construction sites and to assure that only “rain goes down the drain.”

Permitted construction projects may also have other special requirements pertaining to wet weather erosion control, and these measures help protect Arcata’s creeks, wetlands and Humboldt Bay from stormwater pollution.

For specific BMPs that are suitable for conditions that may occur on a construction site, builders and contractors should consult the *Arcata Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual*, available at the City of Arcata Environmental Services Department Office, the Arcata Library and online at cityofarcata.org by searching “BMP.”

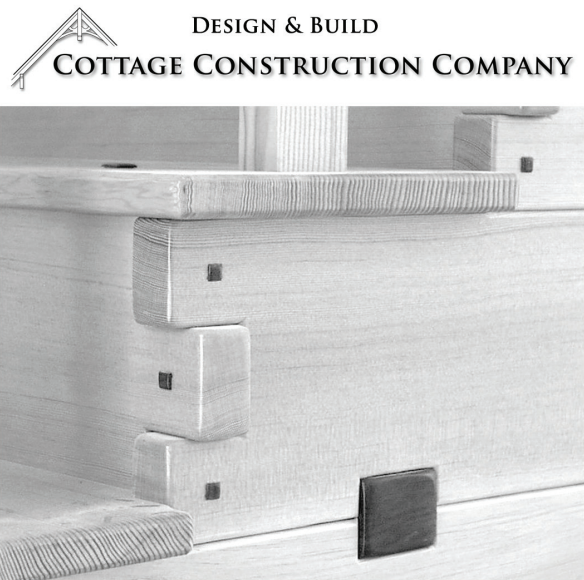
The Environmental Services Department also has a “Construction Site Guidelines for Water Quality Protection” brochure with an overview of construction BMPs.

It is available at the City’s “Business Stormwater Pollution Prevention Practices” webpage at cityofarcata.org/355/Business-Stormwater-Pollution-Prevention, or by entering the search terms “contractor BMP” at cityofarcata.org.

Contractors and builders who would like to receive this information by mail are asked to contact the Environmental Services Department by phone at (707) 822-8184 or email at eservices@cityofarcata.org to make arrangements.

For more information on proper erosion control methods, stop by the Environmental Services Department at City Hall, 736 F St., call the Environmental Services Department at (707) 822-8184, or send an email to eservices@cityofarcata.org.

When entering City Hall, community members are required to wear facial coverings, practice physical distancing and follow all COVID-19 health and safety protocols in place.



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You're responsible for sidewalk maintenance

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ARCATA – The Environmental Services Department would like to remind property owners, including homeowners, business owners and landlords, that they are responsible for maintaining the sidewalks, pathways and other areas near neighboring properties with common boundaries. This includes removing refuse, rubbish and weeds from sidewalks surrounding their property.

Failure to maintain sidewalks is a public nuisance and violates Arcata Municipal Code (Sections 5481 (a)). Refuse and rubbish must be removed. These terms include, but are not limited to:

- Non recyclable or recyclable waste materials of any kind.
- Dead trees and yard waste.
- Any items that may create a fire hazard.
- Abandoned construction and building materials.
- Any other unsanitary or unsafe materials.

Property owners are also responsible for removing weeds. When roots of weeds work their way through the pavement, they cause it to crack or break into pieces. When the pavement cracks, water gets under the pavement and can cause a premature failure of the street.

The term “weeds” includes, but is not limited to:

- Plants which have spreadable seeds.
- Dry grass or brush that may create a fire hazard.
- Plants which could be harmful to public health, including poison oak or poison ivy.
- Any other plants which may create a public hazard.
- Plants or weeds growing on the sidewalk or in the right-of-way between the sidewalk and the curb. If the removal responsibility is shared between property owners at the end of a cul-de-sac, the division of the responsibility is the center of the cul-de-sac.

Properly maintaining sidewalks by removing refuse, rubbish and weeds helps prevent falls or injuries to those traveling on these pathways, extends the life of City streets, keeps pollution from entering local waterways and helps keep Arcata’s neighborhoods beautiful.

For more information, please call the Environmental Services Department at (707) 822-8184, and for zero waste tips, visit cityofarcata.org.

WORKER STRUCK BY PICKUP A contract worker for the California Department of Transportation received minor injuries Wednesday morning, Oct. 7 when he walked into traffic and was struck by a pickup truck on southbound U.S. Highway 101 south of the Indianola Cut-off. Upon arrival at about 5:40 a.m., CHP officers determined that 46-year-old Charles Hatherill Jr., of Eureka was working in the southbound No. 2 lane. Paul Giacomini, 65, of Fortuna, was driving a 2001 Dodge pickup south in the No. 1 lane. The No. 2 lane was closed due to

construction and all southbound traffic had been had been diverted into the No. 1 lane. As Giacomini approached several work trucks parked within the No. 2 lane, Hatherill stepped out from between the trucks and into the path of the Dodge pickup. Giacomini was able to slow the Dodge, but the front of the truck struck Hatherill, knocking him to the ground. Hatherill complained of minor pain and was transported to St. Joseph Hospital. Giacomini was uninjured and there was no damage to the truck. The CHP Humboldt Area Office asks anyone who may have information to call (707) 822-5981 or send an email to humboldt_area.humboldt_area@chp.ca.gov.

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McK transit studied

COALITION FOR RESPONSIBLE TRANSPORTATION PRIORITIES
MCKINLEYVILLE — A team of national experts in rural and small town public transit systems is now beginning a study here in Humboldt County. The Western Transportation Institute (WTI) will assess public transit service within McKinleyville, as well as connections between McKinleyville and other communities in Humboldt County. Then they will produce recommendations for improving public transit in the area.

The WTI team is conducting the study under a contract with the Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG). The Coalition for Responsible Transportation Priorities (CRTP), a local non-profit organization, will be coordinating public outreach for the study.

The study is currently in its earliest stages. A draft report is expected next spring, with a final report in summer 2021. Opportunities will be provided for the public to provide feedback on the draft report. However, the project team is also asking the public to provide initial input on the study now.

“If you ride the bus in McKinleyville, or if you’d like to use public transit but the current system doesn’t work for you, we want to hear from you,” said WTI Director David Kack. “Your input is really important in helping us assess how the system is working and how it could be improved.”

Comments can be submitted at mckinleyvilletransit-study.com, where people can also find out more about the study and sign up to receive updates. Questions and comments can also be directed to mckinleyvilletransitstudy@gmail.com.



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OBITUARY

Harry John Walker
April 13, 1928 – Sept. 29, 2020

Harry “John” Walker was born April 13, 1928 at Twin Parks, Arcata, California to Louie Walker and Ida Waukel.

At age 17, John enlisted into the US Navy serving aboard USS Columbia.

In 1947 John married C. Jean Natt (Jeanie), who he adored and doted on.

Each morning he prepared her a breakfast of fresh fruit and a cocktail each evening. They lived for a brief time in Big Lagoon prior to moving to Trinidad where they built their home and raised their children.

John owned and operated Nor Cal Cutters and was active in the Trinidad community, involved in Trinidad Lions Club, Chamber of Commerce as well as coaching Little League for several years.

In 1973, John and Jean moved to Willow Creek where he owned John Walker Logging. They moved back to Trinidad in 1993.

John was an avid hunter, fisherman and golfer. He especially enjoyed fishing at the Cabin on the Klamath River and hunting in Colorado.

In 73 years of marriage they were never apart. They loved to travel the country in their motorhome golfing and sightseeing. They shared great memories with their

many golfing friends. Their travels took them many wonderful places: Hawaii, Mexico, Jamaica and Alaska, to name a few.

John was well known for boat racing in Southern Oregon and Northern California. He and his brother, Awok Tom Williams,



twice raced from Yreka to Klamath in the early 1950s twice, winning both times.

John is of Yurok descent and one of the original members of the Trinidad Rancheria.

John is survived by his loving wife of 73 years, Jean Walker; his children, John E. Walker, Joanie Berger and Larry Walker;

grandchild Michael Berger, great-grandchildren Hailey Erwin and Hunter Erwin and one great-great-grandchild, Charlie Jo Settle.

He is preceded in death by two daughters, Awok Terry Lynn Walker, Vicki Walker, granddaughter Joanela Jo “J.J.” Berger and Awok Brother Tom Williams.

Johnny Walker, husband, father, grandfather and friend to many will be fondly remembered and truly missed by all that knew him. John was a big man of few words, a big smile and a big heart.

Rest in peace John! Per his request there will be no services held.

Guns and Buns | ‘You were not honest’

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In an email sent to the *Union* on Oct. 9, the day after a news article about Guns & Buns was posted on the *Union’s* website, Jones wrote “you are incorrect that I do not have a business license. I have had one for many years at my previous address and had yet to transfer it to my new address. This does not mean I do not have a license. If you had done your research you would have known that.”

Michale Hale of the Humboldt County Treasurer-Tax Collector’s Office said that Jones applied for a business license on Oct. 8, the day the Guns & Buns article was posted on the *Union’s* website. Hale said her office does not have any previous applications from Guns & Buns and there is no previous business license for the business.

Hale recently referred the matter to a code enforcement investigator in the Humboldt County Planning and Building Department.

The Guns & Buns Facebook page showed that the business was open on Oct. 1 from 5 a.m. to 10 p.m.



BURNING BUNS A recent posting. VIA FACEBOOK

A Sept. 20 Facebook posting shows a photo of people working out with the caption “We tried some new exercises this week and I am still feeling it.”

In a candidate statement submitted to the *Union* last month, Jones references the business. “I have lived in McKinleyville for over 20 years and own a small business that promotes self-improvement, health and fitness,” Jones wrote.

Jones and two candidates for a different board – the McKinleyville Union School District Board of Trustees – are running a joint campaign emphasizing the importance of opening up schools to in-person learning.

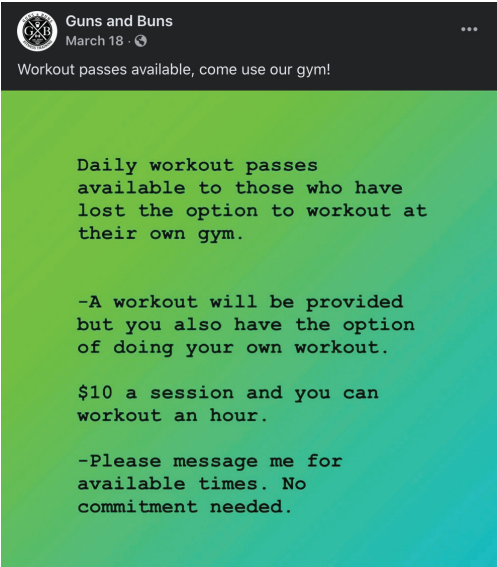
Guns & Buns was established in 2014, according to its Facebook page, and celebrated its five-year anniversary in August of last year.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, businesses are required to submit COVID-compliant reopening plans that must be certified and approved by the Humboldt County Emergency Operations Center.

Approved businesses are listed on the county’s website. Guns & Buns does not appear on the website.

“We can find no plan submission in the name of either the business or the business owner,” stated Heather Muller, lead public information officer for the Emergency Operations Center, in an Oct. 8 email sent that morning.

The next day, Muller confirmed that sometime after the morning of Oct. 8,



COVID CASH-IN One week after a Local Health Emergency was declared, Guns and Buns solicited new business. VIA FACEBOOK

Jones filed a reopening plan, which will require approval.

“My clients who attend my gym can attest to the safe and sanitary facility I provide. My reopening plan has been applied for but all of this could have been answered if you had only asked,” Jones wrote.

The plans are intended to help protect employees and customers from the coronavirus and the illness that it causes, COVID-19, which has infected more than 7 million people and killed about 215,000 victims in the United States so far this year.

“All of the businesses listed have submitted plans that ensure the safety of employees and customers alike with enhanced staff training, screening for illness, thorough disinfection and physical distancing,” states the county’s website. “Residents are encouraged to look for the certificate displayed near the entrance of certified businesses.”

Other McKinleyville gyms and related businesses that are certified are The Club for Fitness, HealthSPORT McKinleyville, McKinleyville Health & Karate, McKinleyville Parks & Recreation, Trinity Ballet Academy, Sweat Panda Fitness and The Art of Pilates.

In her email, Jones questioned the integrity of this reporter and stated “unfortunately you were not honest in your reporting about me and my business.”

“It is unfortunate that you have targeted me and my family – but I guess that fits the narrative you want to sensationalize,” Jones wrote. “Because of your type of one-sided reporting – or perhaps I should call your writing purely a ‘gossip column’ – people in our community are really fed up with this misinformation type of reporting but one thing I know – is that I am one vote for students to be back in school safely and immediately and this is something the Superintendent of the NHUHS is opposed to, which is why he fed you this gossip this week.”

Jones is referring to NHUHS Superintendent Roger Macdonald, who has never communicated with the *Union* regarding this issue.

The NHUHS Board of Trustees oversees Arcata, McKinleyville, Mad River, Pacific Coast and Six Rivers Charter high schools.

Manuel Fonseca committed to energy, safety, professionalism

Manuel Fonseca
MUSD CANDIDATE

Hello, my name is Manuel Fonseca and I have been a Humboldt County resident since 2000. I am proud to call McKinleyville home for the last five years. Since moving to McKinleyville, I have enjoyed the sense of community this town has to offer along with the welcoming neighborhood feel I get when riding my horse around town, and it is because of this I decided to volunteer as a Trustee when a vacancy on the McKinleyville Union School District came about.

While on the board, I witnessed the community values which attracted me to the position be validated by the interactions between the Trustees, administration, staff and community. I enjoy sitting on a board consisting of high caliber individuals who have an immense level of commitment to the school district.



Though not always in agreement, every individual on the board offers a unique perspective and brings forth a high level of professionalism with the students and the community at the forefront of their decision making. I am no different, as I strive to uphold the standard set forth when having to make a decision regardless of its implications.

I am committed to making the difficult decisions needing to be made as we navigate the district into the future regardless of backlash. I have been a Trustee for less than a year and I have already taken a stance on the direction I would like to see the district head towards.



CANDIDATE Manuel Fonseca SUBMITTED PHOTO

I would like for our students to attend a campus in which energy independence is a reality and not a concept you learn about. I would like to see a decrease in energy costs and an increase in enrollment. I would like to see all students have an opportunity to attend campus and I would like the students who are thriving from distance learning have the opportunity to maintain their success within the paradigm of distance learning.

I would like to see the district continue its commitment to the safety of all as we navigate through this time of added variables.

I would like to ask your support in the upcoming election as I would like to continue my contribution to our community in a position often overlooked when non-contentious issues such as the re-opening of campuses is not part of the agenda.

My commitment to the district and our community is not a single issue agenda, but a holistic one.

Arcata Firefighters: Yes on F, reopen station

ARCATA PROFESSIONAL
FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

ARCATA – Since the failure of Measure R in March of 2020, one of the three fire stations of the Arcata Fire District has remained closed due to budget shortfalls. This has inevitably led to significant reductions in service and an unacceptable reduction in public safety.

The 15 members of Arcata Professional Firefighters Association endorse Measure F, saying without it public safety will continue to be in jeopardy. Without increased funding more cuts will likely be necessary, further hampering our ability to protect the community.

Your Arcata firefighters respond to 300 percent more calls than they did two decades ago. Roughly

one third of our calls are “stacked”, meaning that both of the District’s two fire engines are on incidents at the same time. This means that there are no available fire engines in our district to respond to a new emergency.

“This is about doing what is right to protect the 36,000 residents of our district,” said Anthony Benelisha, President of Arcata Professional Firefighters. “This ballot measure will open our third fire station again, restoring a valuable piece of public safety for our community.”

For a single family residence, Measure F would only modestly raise proper-

ty taxes by less than \$10 per month. In addition to opening up our third station, Measure F would allow eight frozen firefighter positions to be rehired. It has been

over 14 years since the Arcata Fire District has seen an increase in funding.

“Seconds matter in an emergency,” said Benelisha. “And unfortunately it is taking us longer to get to

emergencies since one of our stations has closed.” After closing one of the District’s three stations there has been a 17 percent increase in response times.

For complete information on Measure F, visit arcatafire.org/measure-f-faqs.



No Limits dancers for Atkins-Salazar

STACY ATKINS-SALAZAR CAMPAIGN

ARCATA – The No Limits Dance Academy released a campaign dance video that was made by some of the studio’s hip hop dancers for their studio director and Arcata City Council Candidate Stacy Atkins-Salazar. [youtube.com/watch?v=B-7fHMWUuYWU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B-7fHMWUuYWU)

The video concept and choreography was created by No Limits Dance Academy Assistant Director Amethyst Sinn.

“Ever since Stacy announced she was going to run for Arcata City Council I’ve been thinking of ways the dance studio could be involved. When I think of City Council, I think of Leslie Knope from the TV show *Parks and Recreation*. After I found a remix of the theme song everything fell into place. Within a two-week period the idea was born, the choreography taught, and the video filmed and produced,” stated Sinn.

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected local dancers in many ways, including the prohibition of performances with live audiences, so the opportunity to create a video was well received by the dancers at No Limits. Atkins-Salazar, who is a huge fan of *Parks and Recreation* and the show’s heroine Leslie Knope (a quirky, enthusiastic, caring, and funny civil servant) was thrilled to learn about the video.

According to Atkins-Salazar, “Performances are one of the most motivating factors that keep dancers coming to class. The technique learned in class is necessary for skill development but what most dancers look forward to is their time on stage. With



DANCING FOR STACY A scene from the video. VIA YOUTUBE

COVID-19 taking away the opportunity for us to produce our annual holiday show Candy Cane Lane, this was a way for the dancers to have a little time in the spotlight and participate in my campaign using a medium that is their passion, dance!” Atkins-Salazar also expressed gratitude and pride as she stated, “I cannot express how touched I am by this act of support from the dancers and production crew. All of the time spent on this video was done voluntarily and with much love and enthusiasm. That all of these young performers would take time out of their lives to do this as a gift to me was simply amazing.” Atkins-Salazar also expressed her thanks to Nick Kraus for filming and producing the fun-filled dance video.

The No Limits Dance Academy is currently enrolling students for both in person (masks and social distancing required) and zoom classes. For more information about classes, visit nolimitsdanceacademy.com

To learn more about Stacy’s campaign for Arcata City Council, visit stacyatkins-salazar.com or follow her on Instagram (Stacy Atkins-Salazar) and Facebook (Stacy Atkins-Salazar for Arcata City Council).

HSU addresses visiting team concerns in letter sent to campus community

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY
HUMBOLDT STATE – As the San José State University football team continues to live and practice on campus, there have been concerns raised by the campus community about health, safety, and Redwood Bowl access.

SJSU’s team – players, coaches, and staff – were all tested 48 hours prior to arriving at HSU, and again within 72 hours of arriving. Another round of testing has been completed and there have been no positive tests.

SJSU continues to test their student-athletes at a level that is above and beyond requirements and what many other Division 1 programs are doing. The Mountain West conference – which SJSU is a part of – will be requiring more weekly testing as the teams get closer to playing games.

Testing will continue weekly as long as SJSU remains on campus. The extent of the stay is unknown at this time, as SJSU is working with Santa Clara County Public Health on a plan to return.

The SJSU coaching staff has worked closely with HSU to address any issues that have come up related to student-athletes, and continues to reinforce the safety of the entire campus community, including SJSU football. An infection in the team could jeopardize their season, and they are committed to safety protocols.

How the bubble works

There has been confusion about SJSU’s “bubble.” Here’s how that bubble is defined:

Since July, the entire team has been quarantining together and limiting contact with anyone not involved with the team. The team is allowed to walk on campus between the facilities they use following the campus Social Responsibility Commitment. The team also enacted a curfew.

SJSU’s team of approximately 135 players, coaches, and staff are staying in HSU residence halls that have

previously been unused this semester. The halls are separate from those where HSU students are currently living.

Dining will continue to be provided to the team in the residence hall to further limit team interaction with students, faculty, and staff.

As was the case even before the pandemic, Redwood Bowl will remain closed during intercollegiate athletics practices but, at this time, students, faculty, and staff may use the track at Redwood Bowl from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m Monday through Friday, and 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the weekends beginning Monday, Oct. 12. Redwood Bowl and the rest of campus are currently closed to the general public.

The football team has been accessing the Student Recreation Center outside its current open hours, so HSU student access to the SRC has not been limited.

SRC is sanitized between SJSU and HSU student access, and students who visit the SRC will get tags to leave on the equipment they use which will be disinfected by staff after use.

In addition, the team may visit the Campus Marketplace to buy items they need during their stay on campus. They are expected to wear face coverings and follow social distancing rules. Otherwise, no SJSU student-athletes are allowed to leave campus unsupervised.

If you see concerning behavior by any student – HSU or SJSU – please report it to the Dean of Students Office as soon, and with as much information, as possible: dos@humboldt.edu or (707) 826-3504.


Please remember that the SJSU team members are our guests as well as fellow students and employees within the CSU system.

It’s everyone’s responsibility to engage in safe practices during the pandemic, as well as our responsibility to welcome our peers with kindness and respect.



GREEN & GOLD CAR PARADE Humboldt State’s Green & Gold Homecoming Week spread HSU Spirit all over town last week, including the Arcata Plaza, where the university’s banner flew high. Prizes were awarded for Most Green & Gold Car, Most Sustainably-Decorated Car and Most Creative Car. PHOTOS BY MATT FILAR | UNION

HSU President Tom Jackson on leave

<p>HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY HSU – President Tom Jackson has stepped away from his presidential duties temporarily due to the death of his son.</p> <p>Vice President of University Advancement Frank Whitlatch served as acting president through Sunday, Oct. 11. Jason Meriwether, vice president of enrollment management, is serving as Acting President since Monday, Oct.</p>	 <p>Tom Jackson</p>	<p>12 until Dr. Jackson returns. Share your condolences with the president following the announcement of his son’s death by sending your thoughts to hsupres@humboldt.edu, and they will be forwarded to the president. Staff Council has also created a condolences card for staff and faculty to sign. You may also mail cards or messages to:</p>	<p>TJ Jackson c/o Countryside Church 625 Woodland Dr. Spearfish, SD 57783 The memorial service for TJ was to be held on Tuesday, Oct. 13.</p> <p>An award for Creative Photography students has been established in TJ’s memory at Black Hills State University (BHSU). Donations can be sent to:</p> <p>TJ Jackson c/o BHSU Foundation 1352 St. Joe St. Spearfish, SD 57783</p>
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NHUHSD

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overseeing the district. She said the board is “a proud place for me to help build community.”

Aaron, a married 11-year NoHum resident with three daughters, has a bachelor’s and master’s in Social Work, said he works to uphold six core values: service, social justice, dignity and worth of a person, human relationships, integrity and competence. “I live up to these six core values in both my personal and professional life,” he said.

A multicultural specialist for HSU and member of the Eureka NAACP, Aaron said he was well-positioned to help achieve equity in the NHUHSD. Saulsbury said she is “particularly passionate about equity and justice.” Her “dual focus” will be on social and emotional well-being of students, families and staff, and acting on data that indicates some marginalized students aren’t doing as well as they could.

“I want to find ways for us to collaborate with one another,” she said, apart from the traditional board/public paradigm. As a worker at the McKinleyville Family Resource Center,

she’s found that during the coronavirus pandemic, “We need each other more than ever.”

Aaron said his social work background well prepares him for a “community centered approach.” He said he enjoys working with community professionals such as doctors, nurses, law enforcement, teachers and others.

He wants to give families choices as to which of the NHUHSD’s high schools will best serve them. Racism, he said, “is not going to be fixed overnight,” but collaboration offers a way forward.

Saulsbury said she wants to prepare for “some really rough, lean years ahead” to protect the district budget, including building reserves. Academically, her focus is “helping young adults be whole people so that they can go and be helpful adults.”

Aaron said he’s be an advocate for teachers. “I have your back, I hear you and you matter,” he said.

Both candidates support Prop 15, which would provide public school funding through the sale of \$5.5 billion in bonds.

The two lauded NHUHSD for giving students options in defining their best educational path via flexible curriculum and community partnerships.

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For NHUHSD School Board



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Carsen Crans, Blue Lake hero to dog and human alike

Hey Blue Lake... Fall is here and we are starting to settle into the "new normal," whatever that is. Remember when we used to howl for our first responders? I love seeing a few young howlers still out there!



**BLUE LAKE
NOTES**
April Sousa

This is just a short note for the week to introduce you to another amazing thing that happened in Blue Lake.

Last week, one amazing scout finished his eagle project, despite all the craziness of COVID-19, and created a Dog Park for all of Blue Lake to enjoy.

You now can run and play with your dog in a special area of Perigot Park (on the west side of the park just past the baseball fields).

Thank you Carsen Crans (who by the way is a Blue Lake Elementary School Alumni) for your contribution to the



NEW DOG PARK Carsen Crans, from Troop 99, at the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Blue Lake Dog Park.

VIA BLUE LAKE PARKS AND RECREATION FACEBOOK PAGE

community and congratulations on your achievement.

Incidentally, I've known Carsen since he was in preschool, first as one of his preschool teachers and then when he was first starting the scouting movement. It's been amazing to see you on this journey, Carsen!

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Parker and a passel of pups

Week 30. Humboldt County has moved to the less restrictive yellow tier of COVID protocol. The shelter has decided to open its doors for the public to come and pay licensing or redeem their impounded pets. Meet and greets for the adoptable cats and dogs will continue to be by appointment only, as that limits the number of people in the enclosed areas and also seems to be working quite well.



❖ DOGTOWN
Mara Segal

few weeks ago, have all been snapped up and are packing their bags to move in with their new families.

The last adopter had decided just hours before we heard from one of our supporters that there was another family of mom and pups that needed to be relocated ASAP.

We try to offer support for owners so that they do not get rid of their animals, but in this case the owner was in over their head and wanted the dogs gone.

We now have a young Mastiff and her seven Shepherd mix puppies with a foster. Expect to see them here in another week or two!

We are grateful to our foster homes; we could not do what we do without them. We are always looking for possible fosters to have a roster available when a need arises.

Our funny boy Grover is still looking for a foster home to get him out of the shelter. I almost forgot that another litter of pups was born last week!

A lovely dog from the Dinsmore area arrived at the shelter near the end of her pregnancy. We whisked her off to one of our experienced fosters and two days later she had 10 puppies!



This lovely Border Collie mix made it look easy; she even took a couple of breaks outside causing the foster to run after her with a flashlight, expecting to find a puppy on the lawn! Her pups won't be ready for eight to 10 weeks yet but we look forward to watching them grow.

If puppies aren't your thing, maybe you would enjoy the company of a more mature dog. The shelter has this sweet fellow, Parker, available.

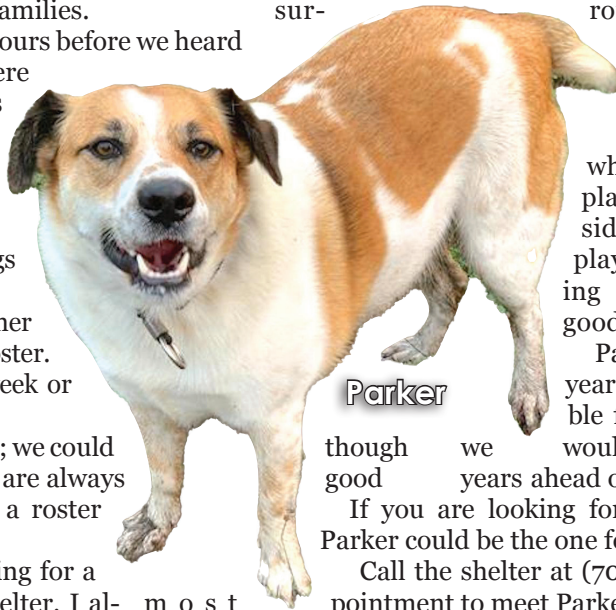
One of his new volunteer friends described him this way: "Parker is a somewhat older fellow who is a bit dignified and well-mannered. He is a good leash walker and is independent, wanting to check out his surroundings. He will profit from getting more exercise and reclaiming his youthful figure! He knows 'sit' and perhaps more, and is gentle when he takes treats. In the playpen he shows his frisky side, enjoying a good romp, playing with balls, and checking out the kiddie pool! He's good company and a lot of fun!"

Parker is listed as being seven years old which makes him eligible for the senior adoption rate, though we would expect him to have many good years ahead of him yet.

If you are looking for an easy-going companion, Parker could be the one for you.

Call the shelter at (707) 840-9132 to make an appointment to meet Parker.

Like all the adoptable pets, he is altered, micro-chipped and current on his vaccinations.



Parker



Daphne and her puppies.

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Billboard buy boosts Humboldt Bay Trail

Daniel Mintz
MAD RIVER UNION

HUMBOLDT – The county is using state funds to buy property related to Humboldt Bay Trail development with a built-in source of revenue – three billboards.

But supervisors aren’t expecting them to last much longer, as a fourth billboard was blown over last year and removed earlier this year.

The Board of Supervisors approved the \$603,000 purchase of a shoreline property consisting of two parcels at its Oct. 6 meeting. The parcels are located between the Brainard mill site and the Bracut Industrial Park.

The property is under a North Coast Railroad Authority (NCRA) easement and the Outdoor Media billboards are under a lease agreement lasting until 2043.

The lease will remain in place, with the county getting \$30,000 a year in revenue that will go to trail maintenance and other trail-related expenses.

Deputy Publics Works Direc-



tor Hank Seemann said the lease doesn’t allow for removal of the billboards. The trail’s pathway will bypass one of them.

Supervisor Virginia Bass had doubts about the continuity of the revenue source. When she asked about what would happen “if for some reason (the billboards) fell out of use,” Seemann acknowledged that there is indeed “uncertainty on the future revenue.”

But the property was appraised based on “the net present value of the future revenue streams,” he continued.

“The likelihood of a full term for these structures is pretty unlikely considering their condition, as exhibited by the one that fell down just last year – that’s just the way it is,” said Supervisor Mike Wilson. “We need to move forward with this project and the owners are getting a good deal on this but we’re not purchasing these structures.”

He said he’d be surprised if the northernmost billboard remains standing for even a few more

years “but this is the appraisal, this is how we’re doing it and I’m ready to move forward.”

So were other supervisors and approval of the buy was unanimous. Seemann said it’s the first of three “significant right of way agreements” related to trail development. The other two are in being negotiated and will come to the board later.

A written staff report states that the Humboldt Bay Trail will “achieve a critical link in the California Coastal Trail and support NRCA in fulfilling the mandate of Senate Bill 1029 to use NCRA property and right-of-way to create the Great Redwood Trail.”

Trail development is in a right of way acquisition, final design and permitting phase, with construction expected to begin in the summer or fall of next year.

The county’s 4.25 miles of trail development will connect two existing segments, creating a 14-mile bay trail between Arcata and Eureka.

The California Transportation Commission has approved \$2 million in funding for the trail’s right of way acquisitions and \$13.3 million for the construction phase.



McKinleyville Community Services District
Fischer and Pialorsi Ranches Hay Lease Exhibit A

MAKE HAY The McKinleyville Community Services District Board of Directors approved a lease agreement Oct. 7 with Andrew Titus of Fern Vallee Farms for 220 acres of district-owned land at the Fischer and Pialorsi ranches, above, on the southwest side of town. Titus will pay the district \$3,666 a month for use of the property along with a 8,250-square-foot barn at the Fischer Ranch and a 2,800-square-foot barn at the Pialorsi Ranch. Titus has the option of extending the one-year lease for five years. The MCSD uses the Fischer Ranch to dispose of treated wastewater and plans to do the same with the Pialorsi Ranch, which it recently purchased. The wastewater is used to grow hay. The district requested proposals from ranchers and received two – one from Titus and another from David Collenberg of Lost Coast Hay, which is currently renting the Fischer Ranch on a month-to-month basis. Collenberg offered to lease the property for \$1,500 a month. A committee made up of board members Mary Burke and Dennis Mayo, General Manager Patrick Kaspari and Operations Director James Henry reviewed the proposals from the ranchers and recommended that the lease be awarded to Titus. The lease begins on Jan. 1. As part of the agreement, Titus will have to rehabilitate the soil at the Pialorsi property, which is in “poor shape and covered in thistle,” according to the MCSD.

MCSD MAP

C/R getting 3-acre, 2.1 MW solar power rig

COLLEGE OF THE REDWOODS

EUREKA – At the Oct. 6 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, the College of the Redwoods Board approved a proposal from ForeFront Power, a solar energy company based in San Francisco, to convert the main campus’s power usage to renewable solar energy. This approval is a major step forward in a project that is expected to put CR at the forefront of sustainability and resiliency in the region.

The 2.1 megawatt system with an additional 500 KW of battery storage will cover about three acres of open field space on campus, about a third of campus parking, and the roof the Learning Resource Center. The energy generated by the system is expected to provide about 90 percent of the campus’s energy demands. It will allow CR to get ahead of sustainability

requirements that will most likely come down from Sacramento in the next few years.

“Our Board of Trustees took a very courageous and far-reaching decision to approve CR’s new solar energy project for the Eureka Campus” said President Keith Flamer. “Our trustees know that expanding the use of solar power will not only provide a reliable energy source for the campus and a platform for additional academic programming, but it will also help mitigate the problems associated with climate change.”

The project will begin shortly, with a rigorous feasibility study with PG&E that should take about a year before construction can commence.

Estimated cost savings to the college are \$4.2 million over the 20-year period.

Honor Tax marks Indigenous Peoples’ Day

COOPERATION HUMBOLDT

EUREKA – Indigenous Peoples’ Day is a holiday that honors Native peoples and commemorates their histories and cultures. It is celebrated across the United States on the second Monday in October, which falls on Monday, Oct. 12. Cooperation Humboldt encourages residents to mark Indigenous Peoples’ Day this year by participating in a voluntary tax called the Honor Tax. Detailed information is available at cooperationhumboldt.com/wiyot-honor-tax.

An Honor Tax is a tangible way of honoring the sovereignty of Native Nations. It is called a tax because it’s not a gift or donation. The tax is voluntary, and the amount is decided by the individual/organization, and is paid directly to the historical inhabitants of the place where one currently lives and/or works. For those of us who live in the greater Wiyot (Humboldt Bay) area, those historical inhabitants are the Wiyot Tribe. Those who live outside the greater Humboldt Bay area can look up their appropriate Tribal entity at <https://native-land.ca/>.

According to Wiyot Tribal Administrator Michelle Vassel, “Tribal governments provide essential service to their citizens. Other governments tax property, land, and income in order to provide these services. Tribal Governments cannot do this as their ancestral territory is occupied. We cannot tax our own people because they are already paying local, state, and federal taxes and tribal lands are held in trust by the federal government, or being taxed by other governments. The Wiyot Tribe operates primarily on grant funding. That places Tribes in a position of being subject to the whims of the federal government and nonprofit foundations which often dictate how funds must be spent. For me, the Honor tax is a really important tool to develop economic sovereignty because it allows us to choose how we spend funds with no strings attached.”

A growing number of individuals, businesses, and nonprofits locally have recognized the importance of the Honor Tax and have committed to paying it on a regular



WIYOT LAND Representatives from the Wiyot Tribe, College of the Redwoods, Cooperation Humboldt, and HSU gather to celebrate the dedication of CR as Wiyot Land, March 2020.

Submitted

basis. Some pay monthly, and others annually. The amounts vary.

Earlier this year, College of the Redwoods began paying the Wiyot Honor Tax. Marty Coelho, executive director of College Advancement and the CR Foundation shares, “Our college believes that it is important to commit to an Honor Tax in recognition of the history and legacy of the Wiyot Tribe and acknowledge that the CR Eureka campus occupies former Wiyot tribal land. Being able to provide funds which in turn will help support services for Wiyot elders and youth, is not only a good thing to do, it’s the right thing to do.”

In 2019 Cooperation Humboldt resolved to pay one percent of its gross annual income to the Wiyot Tribe as an Honor Tax in perpetuity. “In addition to working in all of our program areas to center the needs and perspectives of Indigenous peoples, and developing authentic relationships and partnerships with local Tribal entities, we believe that payment of this voluntary tax is an essential piece of moving toward reconciliation and repair of relationships that have been deeply damaged by hundreds of years of inequality and genocide,” explains Tamara McFarland, a board member of Cooperation Humboldt.

The Humboldt Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, also participates in the Honor Tax. “We’re grateful for the opportunity to take up a special collection every year to pay our Honor Tax to the Wiyot Tribe. It reminds us of the historical injustice visited upon

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doing, because it’s working,” Frankovich said, adding that “from the Public Health end, our pledge is, we’re going to keep it up in terms of our testing and contact investigations.”

The change in risk ranking lifts some restrictions on business and activities. Common areas in shopping centers can open with reduced capacity in food courts and capacity limits are lifted for zoos and museums.

Indoor attendance at places of worship, movie theaters, restaurants, wineries and family entertainment centers such as bowling alleys is increased to 50 percent of capacity.

Bars, breweries and distilleries can now operate indoors with modifications and at 50 percent of capacity. Gyms and fitness centers, including those in hotels, can also operate at 50 percent of capacity.

The state has yet to issue guidelines on indoor recreation, so ice and roller skating rinks, bounce houses and ball pits are not allowed to operate, nor are performing arts and music venues.

With the county being just barely in the yellow tier, Frankovich was asked what her advice is for businesses such as bars making investments for a reopening that might be temporary.

“I do think that business owners need to put some thought into that because right now our margin is so small and if we were sitting well below two on our case rate, I’d feel more confident,” she said. “But since we’re right there, it does not take much to push us above that number,”

It’s “not unreasonable” for business owners to wait a week or two to “see where things are going” before expanding their scope of services, she continued.

The state’s ranking system includes a “social equity metric” based on a county’s consistency of testing and preventive measures throughout different communities. Frankovich said the county has met the state’s equity standards.

“If there really isn’t a dispari-

ty in your positivity rate between the more advantaged areas of your county and the disadvantaged areas of your county, then that actually would place you in a position where the state would tolerate a little bit higher case rate,” she said.

The equity standards were met through “increasing testing access throughout the area and really trying to ensure that our outlying communities get some better access as opposed to having to come for instance to Eureka to be tested.”

Frankovich added that the county has been “working aggressively” in contact tracing to reduce disease transmission in all areas of the county.

In an Oct. 8 video, Deputy Health officer Dr. Josh Ennis described the equity metric as being applied to “geographic locations within counties, broken down by census tracts” and given ratings based on various factors, including social, economic, transportation and health care conditions.

On Oct. 9, the state released guidelines for “limited gatherings” of up to three households. They must be held outdoors and can be held in parks and other public spaces.

The state reminds that “the smaller the number of people, the safer.”

Another COVID-19-related development was seen at the Oct. 6 Board of Supervisors meeting with approval of an additional \$600,000 in federal CARES Act funding to local businesses, special districts and non-profit agencies.

The additional funding will supplement financial assistance programs for expenses involved in drafting reopening plans and supplies, equipment and staff training related to preventing disease transmission.

Business Rental and mortgage assistance and eviction prevention are also eligible for the county’s Small Business Restart and Recovery grant programs. Applications for grants ranging from \$500 to \$12,000 are now being accepted.

Nordic Aquafarms addresses concerns over fish farm

There are many opinions and approaches to fish farming. Nordic Aquafarms is proposing a land-based facility at the Samoa peninsula in Humboldt County. Nordic’s fully contained design fortunately eliminates many issues and concerns associated with traditional fish farming.

Neither the farm nor the discharge will attract sea lice that can affect wild fish. Scientists have repeatedly confirmed that effluent from facilities like the one proposed by Nordic will not cause any significant increase in risk of sea lice to wild salmon populations.

Sea lice require hosts to survive and any sea lice near the facility, if any, will already exist. Sea lice are poor swimmers and can only sustain directional swimming over a few meters during their infectious stage. Adult salmon typically enter freshwater very rapidly and salmon smolts typically enter the ocean in a very short window in the spring and migrate through the estuary in a few hours. Unless the discharge outlets are near this salmon migration corridor, the risk of lice aggregation in this area is highly unlikely.

Fish will not be able to escape from the proposed Nordic Aquafarms facility.

At Nordic’s proposed facility in Humboldt, the fish are hatched, live and are harvested inside buildings that are more than 200 feet from the water. There are nine distinct barriers between these fish and the ocean, including drum filters with 20-micron mesh filters (which is less than a strand of hair). Because there are multiple barriers, even if one fails, multiple additional (physical) barriers would prevent fish escape. The facility and fish access are also strictly controlled to prevent unauthorized removal of fish from the facility.

The facility is also designed to withstand major earthquakes and tsunamis and multiple design features will ensure fish remain in the tanks if these events occur. Results from site

specific seismic and tsunami studies will be submitted as part of the permit application later this fall and results will be presented to the general public as part of the permitting process.

Many measures are in place to prevent fish die-offs –and tank cleaning/disinfection will not result in toxic cleaning agents being released into the environment. Farming fish involves careful attention to fish welfare and stringent bio-security measures to avoid potential disease and die-offs. Nordic has very strict bio-security measures and waste-water treatment technology in addition to a technically sophisticated system and experienced staff. Nordic has never had any disease outbreaks at any of its facilities and has implemented multiple measures to prevent future outbreaks, including:

- Employing ultra-filtration, UV and ozone at the intake to prevent pathogens and parasites from entering the facility.
- Using 0.04-micron membrane bio-reactors (MBRs) in the wastewater treatment building
- Following ultrafiltration via MBR, the effluent will also be treated with a 300mJ ELL UV dose before discharge.
- Employing a highly developed fish welfare program that includes utilizing a breed stock facility/egg source confirmed as free of disease for at least two years (required under California law) and testing and disinfecting every batch of eggs prior to shipment. Upon receipt of eggs
- Nordic will also disinfect and quarantine eggs to confirm they are free of pathogens before entering the hatchery.
- Fish are vaccinated against a variety of potential pathogens common to the area.
- Nordic uses accredited veterinarians to inspect both fish and facilities on a regular basis.
- Nordic employees are trained to regu-



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larly evaluate fish health and identify signs, symptoms and behavior of potential concern. Fish exhibiting potential issues are pulled and sent immediately for lab analysis. Any subsequent course of action is dictated by Nordic’s veterinarian and reported to the proper authorities.

• Any chemical used to clean the tanks will be either treated at our wastewater treatment facility or deposited according to California regulations. No harmful or toxic chemicals will ever be discharged from the facility.

• A monitoring program will ensure Nordic is compliant with the Clean Water Act as part of a discharge permit.

Once in full operation the facility will employ approximately 150 people in Humboldt, most of whom we plan to recruit locally.

Nordic wants to become a serious local employer that attracts and retains a high-quality workforce. In order to retain people at the facility, Nordic will offer competitive compensation, training and development programs and develop a company where both fish and people thrive. Nordic is already working with College of the Redwoods to relaunch their Aquaculture program and plans to work closely with Humboldt State University on internships, research and recruitment.

In addition to an anticipated 150 permanent jobs, Nordic anticipates that there will be 250 to 300 people employed during the construction period, and there will be many more local, ancillary jobs created as a result of Nordic’s Humboldt County project.

Nordic Aquafarms representatives are available to meet with community members discuss the project and address questions and concerns.

To set up a meeting, please contact Community Liaison Lynette Mullen at lynette.mullen@gmail.com or call (707) 845-0467.

Marianne Naess is executive vice president, Commercial Nordic Aquafarms Inc.

Who Ya Gonna Call? Fire District!

Best if read to the 1984 tune of “Ghostbusters!” by Ray Parker, Jr.

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If it’s smelling strange...
In your neighborhood
Who ya gonna call?
Fire District!
If a roof’s got flames...
And it don’t look good
Heavy hoses hauled.
They’re terrific!

Shrill sirens will ring clear.
Once they’re near, you will cheer.
If your heart attacks...
And then you collapse
9-1-1 is called.
Fire District!

If you’ve been a dumb a**...
And you need help fast
From a real bad fall
Ow! Horrific!

Responses must be quick
As the clock loudly ticks.
1884... Began its rapport.
Bell tower was tall.
Wow! Historic!

Think well equipped?...
Tired trucks make trips.
Hope they won’t stall.
Optimistic!

Busters of our fires
Stuck in a quagmire.
It meets the needs...
Of five communities
For one and all.
It’s holistic!

Manila, Plaza...
Throughout Arcata
And City Hall
Such a distance!

Square miles of 62
They’ll rush to rescue you.
McKinleyville...
Up forest hills
Thousands of calls
“Can-do” spirit!

Jacoby, Bayside...
No one denied.
It’s quite a sprawl.
Near the Pacific!

37K
Who live, work and play
Big Blue, Tomo...
Angels of Hope
Were real close calls.
Ahhh, beatific!

They’ll save your life...
They’re sleep deprived.
Money Tree ain’t tall.
Altruistic!

Can you hear their alarm?
Second vote is the charm?
Every minute counts...
And it’s paramount
It’s safe for all.
Synergistic!

Two-thirds required...
So it can hire.
Crews reinstalled.
It’s logistics!

Beyond a platitude,
Let’s show our gratitude.
Fire “hat in hand”...
And lines in the sand
A fiscal wall
Be realistic!

The uncertainties...
Now realities
No crystal ball
Think futuristic!

24/7 Heroic profession
If you’re tax fatigued...
And you feel aggrieved
That’s thinking small.
Pessimistic!

The added tax...
Will reverse cutbacks
To help shortfalls.
It’s that explicit!

Can’t afford to be cheap.
Three stations we must keep.
Details in the news...
Like the *Mad River U.*
Get informed, ya’ll.
It’s not simplistic!

If “F” fails, we’ve failed...
So it must prevail.
Vote “Yes!” this Fall.
Humboldt Civic!

Community’s the treasure.
The compass in the Measure.

It’s imperative that you follow this voting advice

Yes on Measure F

The Arcata Fire District (which serves McKinleyville, Manila, Bayside, Jacoby Creek, and Arcata) hasn’t had a funding increase in 14 years. This has led to reductions in staffing, rotating closures of the District’s three fire stations, and big challenges to keep critical equipment in service.

I’ve been a direct beneficiary of Arcata Fire’s services — for a house fire years ago, and more recently several times when they were the first to show up when I called 911 for loved ones’ medical emergencies. We all hope to never need such services, but, wow, it’s so good to know they are there if and when you need ‘em!

The District needs our help. Please join me in voting YES on Measure F.

Nancy Reichard
Arcata

No on Proposition ‘A’

I urge the citizen voters in the City of Arcata to vote “No” on Proposition “A.”

The management plan for the Arcata Community Forest states the following regarding use of excess timber harvest revenue from the Community Forest: Revenue.

Currently, the Community Forest generates operating and management revenue from periodic timber harvests. Grants have been to assist with forest expansions and grants have also contributed to habitat enhancement work within the Community Forest.

Excess net timber harvest revenue is used to purchase and maintain other City parkland and open spaces.

Several parks and open space areas have been purchased with timber harvest revenue, including the City’s Community Park.

The City pays timber yield tax to the state on timber harvested even though it does not pay property tax on lands within the City limits.”

Proposition “A” on the Nov. 3 election asks then following: “To protect and preserve natural open space areas for future generations by: improving and maintaining, open spaces and trails; protecting land around creeks, rivers and streams to prevent pollution and improve water quality; protecting redwood forests, wildlife habitat, working lands, scenic hillsides and agricultural land; expanding public access and trail systems; shall the City of Arcata levy a special tax of \$37 annually per parcel providing approximately \$175,000 annually until ended by voters, with citizen oversight and all funds benefitting local open space as set forth in City Council Resolution 190-68?”

Harvesting on the Community Forest takes place based on the current price of timber at the mills.

When the price is up the City can take advantage of the higher price, and can generate substantial revenues to be used specifically for what is called for in Proposition “A.”

Proposition “A” is a duplication of the process already provided by the Community Forest revenue stream and is not needed or required.

It seems our illustrious City Council never saw a tax levy that they didn’t like.

Michael S. Vogel
Registered Professional Forester
Arcata

A healthy city

A healthy city is one that is continually creating and improving those physical and social environments and expanding those community resources which enable people to mutually support each other in performing all the functions of life and developing to their maximum potential.

Bob Gearheart
Arcata

For the cost of a few lattes

A common phrase we hear these days is “we’re all in this together,” which is pertinent to why we need to support Measure F.

Fire protection and first responder services are essential public safety measures key to a healthy community.

The Arcata Fire Protection District has made cogent arguments for why this minimal tax is necessary to bring back, and protect, the level of services needed to meet our community needs, as well as California regulatory obligations. The cost of a few lattes per month should not deter our support.

When we can finally meet and greet at our local coffee shop, lets toast our fire fighters and the Arcata Fire Protection District. Vote yes on Measure F.

John Woolley
Manila

Fieldbrook Fire thanks

To our amazing community,
Recently the Fieldbrook Volunteer Fire Department applied for State Farm’s Neighborhood Assist Grant program in which they have the opportunity to be the benefactors of \$25,000.

Jack Sheppard, the volunteer fire chief was notified that out of the 2,000 applications accepted from all over the United States, they were chosen as one of the 200 finalists. One of only six in California.

The next step was for the vote to go to the public to choose the top 40 finalists that will receive the \$25,000 grant.

We then reached out to the community for support to help bring this much needed funding home. It was time to rally the troops. Time to bring something positive to 2020. Boy did we rally! We are overwhelmed with the outpouring of support we received. People voted, people shared with their friends nationwide and asked for their help to bring this grant to the small community of Fieldbrook.

We are proud of everyone for coming together for a cause when so much of what we see and hear these days is anger, disagreement and unrest. We thank you for making this a positive experience for all, no matter what the outcome.

The leaderboard shut down 24 hours prior to the end of voting. At that time we were ranked number 17 out of 200. We needed to remain in the top 40 to receive the grant from State Farm. State Farm will be announcing the deserving recipients on Nov. 4. We are hoping to bring you positive news when we are notified of our status. We wait for now.

We extended our deepest gratitude for your support. Thank you.

Jack Sheppard
Fieldbrook Volunteer Fire Chief
Carol Rische, Volunteer Grant Writer
Heather Vina, Heather Vina State Farm
McKinleyville

❖ LETTERS ON MEASURES

No on Measures A and F

Please, Arcatans, vote NO on Measures A and F. These are hard times for many of us. Our “leaders” are always trying to do something about the homeless problem. When will they realize that every tax hike, whether sales or property assessments, cause house insecurity which leads to homelessness. The City of Arcata passed a huge water rate increase that will continue to rise for the next eight years. Water! Now they want Meas A.

AFD does a fine job of responding to emergencies and in their own stats home fires are only 5 percent of their calls. Homes these days are built to keep fire damage to a minimum. If Meas F passes you’ll be able to count the days before the already top-heavy salaries will increase and plans to build new or remodel existing fire stations are being planned.

I could see a one-time, build up reserve, tax, but not a permanent assessment. Several years ago the county got a large tax increase and the first thing our Board of Supervisors did was give themselves a large salary and benefit increase and also raised then sheriff Downey’s salary to \$15,000 per month! How did any of that address the homeless problem?

As for the destructive wildfires problem... that’s climate change. The scientists have been warning us of that for decades and now its here. We would be far better off using our money to pay for serious lifestyle changes and get off our oil dependency. Pay attention to science and vote for leaders who recognize our true problems... but please vote NO on Measures A and F. Please stop using taxpayer money like a no-limit credit card and start using some common sense.

Diane Leiker
Arcata

Let’s keep Winkler

I live in Arcata and will be voting soon for City Council members. I strongly support Michael Winkler, and hope he will continue his service on the City Council.

One of my biggest concerns for the future is climate change. There are limits to what a city council member can do to address climate change. But Michael stands out as someone whose influence on local climate issues has outsized the jurisdiction he serves. Starting in 2005, Michael was instrumental in pushing our local Redwood Coast Energy Authority (RCEA) to start the community choice energy program that is now its signature service.

As a city councilmember, Michael led Arcata to adopt formal goals to reduce its carbon emissions. Under his leadership, the city adopted RE Power+ from RCEA, so all its power is 100 percent renewable; specified, longterm, that all construction be all electric, and to phase out natural gas completely; added electric vehicles whenever possible, and systematically replaced natural gas furnaces with electric heat pumps. So far, heat pumps have been installed at the Marsh Interpretive Center, City Hall, and the library conference room.

Last year Michael’s leadership on the board of RCEA helped push it to commit to providing clean and renewable electricity by 2025.

Michael has been endorsed by the Sierra Club as well as the Building and Construction Trades Council of Humboldt and Del Norte Counties, the Operating Engineers Local Union Number 3 and the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 551.

I hope that you will join me in re-electing Michael Winkler.

Valerie Gizinski
Arcata

❖ LETTERS

Orsini’s rare skills, experience

I would like to endorse Greg Orsini for the Board of Directions position with the McKinleyville Community Services District (MCSD). Greg has the experience having served at many levels as staff for the District all the way up to general manager.

My primary motivation is his hardworking and honest nature. He is able to hear all different sides in the community and his problem-solving skills are exceptional. Greg has the experience having served at many levels as staff for the District all the way up to General Manager. He is unusual as he brings a nuts and bolts knowledge combined with management and policy skills.

Greg has always been loyal to the MCSD. He can listen one of the most important skills as an elected official. He has been an integral part of our most successful policies. He broadened his contact and knowledge to encompass the McKinleyville community. This expanded to the statewide special district organizations and our statewide representatives. It is very rare to have so many skills.

MCSD has one of the strongest recreational programs in the county. and Greg Orsini has worked to create a pathway to a community forest further improving our recreational opportunities. He envisioned converting an abandoned percolation pond into a natural flood plain and Coho rearing pond, through the utilization of grant funding , costing virtually nothing to the ratepayers.

He has a strategic mind that insures we have the money for improvements years off in the future. He has maintained good employee and community relationships. I give him my highest recommendation.

John Corbett
McKinleville

Thankful for Joellen

Thank you Joellen, for being willing to throw your hat into the ring for the McKinleyville Community Services District board two-year position.

I watched the LWV candidate forum for MCSD candidates, and I’m so proud of you! So few young working people are willing to delve into the details of community infrastructure and planning, but you certainly demonstrated being a fast learner on our most important issues. You didn’t miss a beat.

Your poise, warmth, good sense and genuine eagerness for public service is delightful. You will be a great addition to the other directors who already know the scene but could use a fresh creative perspective to help them think outside the box in these unprecedented times.

You’re a definite go-getter, networker and community builder. McKinleyville needs you. And I’m telling all my friends to vote for you.

Again, thanks for being an MCSD candidate.

Kate McClain
McKinleyville

Joellen in Mary’s tradition

It is McKinleyville’s good fortune to have an excellent slate of candidates running for the Community Services District board this year... except that it will be very difficult to choose only three of them! After reading about them in the last two issues of the *Union*, I believe McKinleyville would be well served by all.

But I do have a particular reason for writing. It is my disappointment at losing Mary Burke from the Board and my hope that Joellen Clark-Peterson is elected to fill Mary’s unique role.

Not only was Mary the only representative of young working families on the Board, she was highly professional, savvy, kind, and welcoming of new and diverse ideas. Joellen fits this description perfectly, plus, she would be the only woman on the next Board.

Joellen would also bring the broad perspective of her past work as a news reporter, Chamber of Commerce director, and Peace Corps volunteer, as well as her present work as communications specialist for small business development in 36 California counties.

Finally, I want to underscore what both these women have said about the importance of local community engagement as one antidote for the state, national, and global anxieties we are so inundated with today.

So please, if you haven’t heard this enough already, stay informed, make sure you are registered, and vote on Nov 3.

Joyce King
McKinleyville

Aaron, Saulsbury, Som

I can’t help but notice that three of the NHUSD and McKinleyville School District candidates are all connected to the same family business. That fact, I guess, isn’t necessarily disqualifying. Their sudden interest in participating in school oversight, though, seems to be a desire to open our schools to face-to-face learning now.

While I’m sure we all can’t wait to get through this pandemic and back to our “open” life, we don’t all have helicopters to get us to Walter Reed Hospital where scores of taxpayer funded doctors can save our lives. In the meantime, voting to open Humboldt County up to the rapid spread of COVID, which is ongoing in much of the rest of the nation, seems like a bad idea. It’s a bad idea for our teachers, for our students, their families, for our nurses, for our hospitals, for the few doctors we have here, and particularly for seniors (which now includes me).

So please vote for the candidates who are truly showing concern for everyone involved in our schools and our county. Candidates who have been actively involved in those schools. Candidates whose professional lives have been spent working with students and teachers. Candidates who have served on the school board, worked with at-risk students, ran a pre-school, regularly attended school board meetings, wrote successful grants, and showed up at the public forums. Candidates who are not “one-issue,” but instead have put in decades working with students and understanding the needs and wishes of our teachers.

Simply put, please vote for Aristeia Saulsbury and Cedric Aaron for NHUSD board members, and Nicholas Som for McKinleyville USD board member.

Sincerely,
Alan Sanborn
Arcata

Janelle Jones for NHUHS

My name is Liz Franklin and I am writing this letter in support of electing Janelle Jones for Northern Humboldt Union High School District Board of Trustees. I have lived in McKinleyville for the past eight years and have known Janelle for seven of those years. Over that time, she has been a supportive and encouraging basketball coach for my son, she has sponsored several of my son’s sports teams, challenged me to overcome physical barriers, and has even worked with my daughter on developing her own fitness program.

I have worked as an educator and school administrator for 19 years and know firsthand the demands and responsibilities that board members are faced with when making decisions that will ultimately affect students’ educational experiences. Janelle has the ability and drive to listen to community members, and the strength and fortitude to ensure she is representing their views in the decisions she will be making as a board member. My experience with Janelle has proved that her best intentions are to improve our community and help students succeed. I am confident in her ability to be a leader that ultimately will work to make the best-informed decisions for all students and families in the Northern Humboldt Union High School District.

I encourage you to vote Janelle Jones for NHUSD Board of Trustees. Her energy, positivity and desire to better our school district, will serve and represent our community well.

Elizabeth Franklin
McKinleyville

A NoHum boardmember’s view

For the past seven years, I have been a member of the Northern Humboldt Union High School Board of Trustees (NoHum). During my tenure with the district, I have seen some amazing transformations take place. We have the staff, the leadership, and innovative programs in place to make the district something we can all be proud of.

Along with our generous community we have built a state-of-the-art Performance Arts Center to house our award-winning Arts Institute. With our Makers and Tiny Houses programs we are bringing vocational education into the 21st Century. The Yurok language program at Mack High is the only Native Language program in the state that meets the language requirements for the University of California. As a Trustee, I know there are many decisions the Board has made in order to achieve these great things, and many decisions we will need to make to continue to improve our district.

In this election, there are three candidates running for two positions on the board. The appointed incumbent, Aristeia Saulsbury, is running as a team with Cedric Aaron for those positions. Over the years, I have worked with both individuals and find them to be hard-working community members with a strong grasp of the issues. While I do not know Janelle Jones, I assume that she, too, is a fine, hard working person. However, as far as I can tell she is a one-issue candidate focused on opening schools as soon as possible. Cedric and Aristeia not only agree that we need to open the school as soon as it is safe to do so, but they also have a clear understanding of the broad range of issues facing our schools and community moving forward. This is why I strongly support Aristeia Saulsbury and Cedric Aaron for the NoHum Board of Trustees.

This November we voters have many decisions to make to ensure a great future for our community: besides school boards, we have Prop 15 which will restore funding to both our schools and community that was lost in the 1970s with Prop 13. Prior to this law, the schools in California were some of the best in the world. After Prop 13 we began a slide in funding that has resulted in California schools being some of the lowest-funded in the nation. Large corporations pay nothing in property taxes while homeowners are left to foot the bill. Prop 15 will fix that and bring back needed funding to our schools and communities. Vote YES on Prop 15.

Brian Lovell
McKinleyville

Teacher of the Year’s view

Someone who doesn’t teach may not imagine the day in the life of a public school teacher. One elementary school teacher’s day may include, hugs and high fives, tissues and tears, counseling and cajoling. It certainly involves loose teeth, slobbery sneezes, slices of apples, crayons and glitterglue-globs. Secondary teachers handle romances, earbuds, pot-brownies, social media drama, suicide attempts, fights, sports, clubs, IEPs and AP tests. Before COVID, no day was without the physical shared classroom space of loud, messy, bubbling, sparking and life-giving energy. No day of teaching is boring, it is never redundant, never repetitive. Teaching is dynamic, emotional, and always intellectually challenging. It is a career that always requires love, patience, curiosity and commitment. Teaching is ethical and demanding work.

Teachers serve the community, now like never before, on Zoom screens attempting to engage students in their bedrooms, in their pajamas, with their cameras off, singing the alphabet, attempting to solve for x, conjugating verbs, guiding discussions, and fostering critical thinking and all of this, through the newly acquired language of technology. Most schools in Humboldt County are online currently, which impacts all of our families, and in turn our whole community. If it wasn’t clear before March, the COVID school closures have made it more evident than ever before, the central role that schools play in a functioning society.

School boards make decisions to guide the direction of the schools and then district leadership and staff carry out the gritty details. Serving on a school board is a thankless but important task. Of the many qualifications one needs to serve in this capacity, certainly at the top of the list should be a respect for public education, trust in its teachers and a vision of schools as vital democratic institutions. Nicholas Som and Manuel Fonseca for McKinleyville Union School District (MUSD), and Aristeia Saulsbury and Cedric Aaron for Northern Humboldt Union High School District (NHUHS) demonstrate these attributes in their actions and their words. They are not running on a single issue. They communicate respectfully to and about the teachers and leadership that they hope to guide. These four will be invested long after the virus is under control, but until that time, they will guide the two districts carefully. Vote for Fonseca, and Som for MUSD and Saulsbury and Aaron for NHUHS.

Nora Wynne
Humboldt County Teacher of the Year
McKinleyville

Aaron, Saulsbury for NHUHS

The power of a school board lies in the diversity represented by its members. In this way, a board ensures a wider diversity of stakeholders have a voice and are represented fairly in decision making. This year’s school board races in both McKinleyville Union and the Northern Humboldt districts are a clear power grab by one local family.

Two sisters, Rachelle Hicks and Janelle Jones, and the project manager (Chelsey Rios) for their family-owned business are running for three of the four available seats. It is not in the best interest of our diverse community for *one* family to be in charge of three votes across two school boards. In addition, there is the inherent conflict of a boss/employee relationship. We should elect board members who are independent of each other and who do not have financial ties to one another.

Beyond their ties to each other, these candidates have no involvement in local school politics beyond the past three months. Their lack of experience and lack of prior interest in our schools’ leadership concerns me. Their primary interest seems to be the immediate reopening of schools. Our district has already made the decision to reopen. How much commitment will remain when their “one issue” is resolved?

The incumbents, Nicholas Som, Manuel Fonseca, and Aristeia Salsbury have earned the trust of local educators. They have led wisely over the course of these rocky months. They deserve to continue the work they signed on for – to lead our districts beyond the current challenges and into the future. Newcomer, Cedric Aaron, clearly has the community leadership experience and vision to represent all stakeholders. Please join your local educational community in voting for leadership that truly represents us all.

Phyllis Nolan
McKinleyville

Sanctuary

Two years ago the County of Humboldt voted to become a Sanctuary county by approving Measure K. It became effective on December 21, 2018. Its main purpose was to ensure that the county was not spending county employee time, money or resources to do the work of the Immigration and Customs and Enforcement agency (ICE) and to promote trust between county employees and county residents.

ICE is responsible for enforcing the civil immigration laws but its programs seek to enlist the voluntary cooperation of local law enforcement to detain people at the locals expense until ICE takes action.

This is a type of unfunded mandate, using local resources to do the work of a federal agency. The adoption of Measure k and the adoption by the state of SB 54 precludes such actions.

Humboldt County is home to a diverse population of people with diverse racial, ethnic, and national backgrounds including a large immigrant population. Undocumented persons pay taxes (some more than our president) and are entitled to access county services without fear of being improperly detained on behalf of ICE.

ICE uses racial profiling to make stops. You can’t tell by looking at someone if they are documented or not. And in our society you are not required to carry ID on you at all times. Many of these community members are the parents of children born here and who are just trying to keep their families together.

Our immigrant community spends money in our local stores and pays for many local services. Unfortunately ICE has been active in Humboldt in the last decades, terrorizing our families. Although to our knowledge no violations of the Sanctuary ordinance have occurred, a large part of this community still lives in fear of authorities.

As a community we can all do our part in making all our residents feel safe and welcome and not take action against a community member who has come here to be with family and make a better life for themselves. Values that we all share.

For more information on the Sanctuary law contact Centro Del Pueblo at cdphumboldt@gmail.com

Brenda Pérez, Carlrey Arroyo, Jeff Blanck, Karen Villa, Octavio Acosta
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SCENE

New museum exhibit looks at pipes, baskets

Trinidad Museum presents a new exhibit, “Native American Tobacco Baskets and Tobacco Pipes From Northwestern California” curated by Ron Johnson, Humboldt State University art professor emeritus, and assisted by Coleen Kelley Marks, Alexandra Cox and Jill Meford.



The exhibit will run for one year and then transfer to Eureka’s Clarke Historical Museum. A stunning 68-page color catalogue written by Johnson and Marks accompanies the exhibit. Johnson wrote in the catalogue:

“Indian tobacco in Northwestern California was almost invariably ‘Nicotiana bigelovii,’ of which there were three sub-species. This was the tall variety, often six feet high with white flowers. It was cultivated in gardens using burnt logs to create a stronger, more tasty smoking tobacco than the wild plant, which was not collected for fear it might be over a grave and have malevolent effects.”

Johnson continued: “It is well established that Native American tobacco was a major part of men’s daily lives through smoking in the sweat house, and prayers for good luck in hunting and gambling. Likewise, it was cen-

tral to doctoring, primarily by women suck-doctors, and was used in several ceremonies. Honoring and respecting the natural world began with the First-Salmon Ceremony which Hupa, Karuk and Yurok tribes still practice. The pinnacle of ceremonies is the World Renewal Ceremony. California’s Northwestern Coast tribes are unique in having world renewal ceremonies, and this approach carries into everyday life in which there is no sharp separation, as most aspects of life have a spiritual dimension.”

“The tobacco basket was in earlier times the primary way to store and travel with Indian tobacco. The lid is tried down with brain-tanned deer hide to keep the tobacco dry.”

“In general, great care is taken when weaving baskets, and in carving pipes. The earliest tobacco baskets lacked overlay design, but beautiful design became increasingly characteristic of tobacco baskets, especially those woven to sell. In recent times, tobacco baskets have shifted to mark Native American identities and as protective charms. Indian tobacco

was a vehicle to reach the first spirit beings and to assure one’s well-being through fixing and prayer.”

Approximately 48 objects are on view, including baskets and pipes from the Trinidad Museum Society collections, private collections, and loaned items from the Clarke Historical Museum.

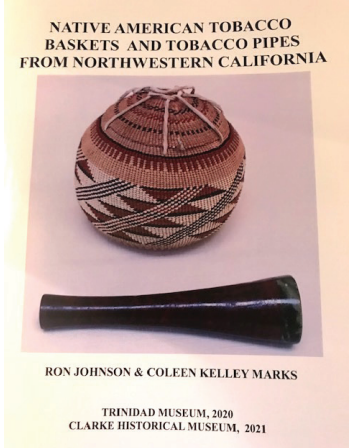
Some of the object makers include Melvin Smith, Fanny Flounder, Nettie Ruben, Phoebe Maddux, Louise Hickox, Denna Dodds, Marilyn Hostler, Louisa McCovey, Lucille McLaughlin, Ella Johnson, Amy Smoker, Carolyn Ehrlich, Nettie McKinnon, Josephine James, Kathy Sherman, Lori Smith and Ollie James.

The rarest basket on view is a circa 1820 Karuk tobacco basket woven from hazel sticks and pine root on loan from the Clarke Historical Museum.

Trinidad Museum is open on Saturdays and Sundays from 12:30 to 4 p.m.

Masks and social distancing required. For special showings or for more information call (707) 677-3816.

Email Patti at baycity@sonic.net.



CATALOG This catalog accompanies the exhibit. SUBMITTED PHOTO



TROUBLE UNDER THE BIG TREES College of the Redwoods presents Trouble Under the Big Trees, a virtual exhibition of environmentally themed paintings by Northern California artist Linda MacDonald. The painting above is titled Verde Juke. In conjunction with this online exhibition, a Zoom presentation and discussion of the artist’s work with CR Art Professor Cynthia Hooper will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 21 from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Trouble Under the Big Trees is an exhibition of paintings that feature innovative depictions of coastal Northern California’s iconic redwood trees. With richly descriptive paintings, the artist Linda MacDonald meticulously examines the perceptual characteristics of these magnificent and monolithic forms. To virtually visit Trouble Under the Big Trees, go to the Creative Arts Gallery website at redwoods.edu/artgallery/ Selected images of MacDonald’s work can also be viewed on the gallery’s Instagram @redwoodsgallery and Facebook [facebook.com/collegeoffheredwoodsgallery](https://www.facebook.com/collegeoffheredwoodsgallery) throughout the duration of the exhibition. Information about registering for and participating in the Zoom presentation and discussion on Oct. 21 will be listed on the CR gallery webpage and on the CR gallery social media accounts. For information email list, email art-gallery@redwoods.edu or leave a voicemail at (707) 476-4100 ext. 4869.

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WHERE WE MEET Some of the performers in this Saturday’s online performance.

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Arcata Playhouse stages online performance

ARCATA PLAYHOUSE

ARCATA – Playhouse Arts presents *Intersections, Where We Meet*, a multicultural experience centered in Goudi’ni (Arcata), on unceded Wiyot land. The online performance takes place on Saturday, Oct. 17 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 general and \$30 for a family.

While originally conceived as an outdoor progressive piece that would roam the Creamery District, COVID has placed the performance online with On the Stage.

This online platform, designed by theatremakers for theatremakers, allows us to include locations peppered all over Arcata and beyond; from the forest, the beach, and the back alley to the dance floor of Redwood Raks and the stage of the Arcata Playhouse.

Performers include Laura Muñoz, DJ L Boogie, Mo Desir, Efrain Colon, Youth Arts Will Succeed, Elizabeth Colon Nelson, Centro Del Pueblo, Shoshanna, Terri Baune, John Chernoff, Hanna Butson, Melanie Schauwecker, Espaço Oliveira, Olivia Dunn, Barbara Penny, Daryl Chinn, Brenda Pérez, Octavio Acosta, Yuvia and Alberto, Carla Cheney, Karina Coronado, Karen Villa. Lighting design by

Michael “Spike” Foster and MacKenzie Ridgewood, with sound by Russ Cole.

Intersections, Where We Meet grew out of the Playhouse’s years-long partnerships, collaborations and outreach to communities within Humboldt County. It is an ongoing and unfolding artistic dialogue on how humans share space, time, resources, and wisdom. The performance offers a healing frame for the expression of the grief and the joy for life of the different peoples and cultures that find themselves in what we now call Humboldt.

Tickets are available online at arcataplayhouse.org, and a link to the live event will be sent after ticket purchase.

As an added bonus, audience members can buy a Concessions Package to recreate the full Arcata Playhouse experience in their own home. Concessions Packages can include cookie dough, and corn kernels and can be purchased online with show tickets, and picked up at Dead Reckoning, 815 J St., Arcata. Don’t forget, Dead Reckoning has tasty drinks to go for purchase with your concession pick up!



ARCATA WHARVES Because the Arcata Marsh Interpretive Center remains closed to visitors, monthly lectures sponsored by Friends of the Arcata Marsh (FOAM) will be delivered via Zoom. Tune in at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 16 for a presentation by local historian Jerry Rohde titled “Twice as Many Wharves.” Many people know that the Arcata & Mad River Railroad ran a train on the wharf that was located in what is now the Arcata Marsh. But how many of you know that there was a second train and a second wharf? The photo above shows the Arcata Wharf, circa 1905. If this is news to you, tune in to Rohde’s talk, which will be recorded and posted online for future viewing. There will be a Q&A session after the presentation. Rhode will acquaint you with the “Shingle” Wharf that ignited in 1900 with four million shingles (and a train) on top of it. His presentation also will explain why there was never a “McDaniels” Slough and how the bay dredge “Jupiter” was resuscitated from the Arcata Bay mud and went on to build the dikes along the shore. The Zoom meeting ID is 820 6592 9765. Join the Zoom meeting at us02web.zoom.us/j/82065929765. No password is required.

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Dell’Arte embraces ensemble and improvisation in new school year

DELL’ARTE INTERNATIONAL

BLUE LAKE – Dell’Arte International is embracing its pedagogy of ensemble and improvisation as it adapts to the times and a school year unlike any other in its nearly 50-year history.

“Like other institutions of higher learning, we’ve been tasked with striking a balance between the inherent in-person interactions of a physical theatre school and adjusting to the

current climate,” said Managing Director Alyssa Hughlett. “While we’re operating at a reduced capacity, our students and faculty artists have found creative solutions to work in ensembles and offer live performances. The spirit of Dell’Arte continues to be a shining light in these challenging times.”

Dell’Arte has made the following adjustments to its school programming:

- Continue instruction for third-year MFA students, following strict protocols to ensure best health and safety protocols throughout the year
- Postpone the flagship, one-year Professional Training Program until Fall 2021
- Postpone traditional indoor, live performances until the state provides guidelines for live performances
- Offer live performances

through online platforms and alternative venues.

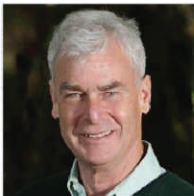
In a move that allows students to continue the in-person work of ensemble-based physical theatre, the third-year MFA students have chosen to live together in Blue Lake as a cohort.

The group is also planning to offer the annual Holiday Show to North Coast communities differently than in years past.

“They’re all living together so

they can work together, and what better way to approach this year that’s already so radical,” said Dell’Arte faculty member Elizabeth Colón Nelson. “They’ve embraced the true sense of famiglia, of family, that’s at the heart of this institution.”

The Dell’Arte International School of Physical Theatre offers the only accredited MFA in Ensemble-Based Physical Theatre in the world.



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Bayside Temperance Hall needs love

There are a number of historic buildings at the junction of Old Arcata and Jacoby Creek Roads. There's the Bayside Community Hall, built as a grange and completed around 1940.

Across the street is Bayside's most iconic building, a great expanse of white painted wood with tall windows, and broad entry stairs surmounted by a square topped tower. It was built in 1903 and served as the schoolhouse until 1957 (it now houses private businesses).

But the oldest of the trio is one you might easily pass by. Right at the corner, between the hall and the chain link fence, is a structure built by the Sons of Temperance in the early 1880s. It has served many purposes over the years.

Grangers met there before the hall was built. It was long a popular venue for square dancers and has served as a church on Sundays. For the last 27 years it has been the home of the Mistwood Educational Center.

The old Temperance Hall is owned by a local non-profit, recently renamed Bayside Corners Inc., created in 2007 to support community improvements and projects for residents of Bayside, the Jacoby Creek Valley and surrounding communities.



❖ BAYSIDE CORNERS
Carolyn Jones

Bayside Corners works to foster pride in the youth, seniors, natural and historic resources of the Jacoby Creek Valley by serving as a fiscal agent and fundraising arm for Bayside groups and community improvements.

Any homeowner knows that maintaining a building is hard work. Maintaining old buildings, especially ones that serve a public function, is even tougher.

The old Temperance Hall now needs basic repairs to the foundation, roof, electrical, plumbing and heating systems and Bayside Corners will soon launch a fund drive to make those a reality.

For more information, or to contribute, contact Bayside Corners at (707) 826-2021, or mail your contribution to Bayside Corners at P.O. Box 342, Bayside, CA 95524.

There's still time to put in your order for Tacos by the Creek, coming up on Saturday, Oct. 17! Indulge in home-made tacos made with mostly Jacoby Creek valley ingredients, and support the good work of the Jacoby Creek Land Trust and TRIB Research. Get more info or place your order at jelandtrust.org/tacos-by-the-creek or call (707) 822-0900.

Have you checked out the online auction sponsored by Bayside Hall & JCLT? There is some pretty great stuff and lots of very local products and services... treat yourself or get

in some early holiday shopping.

The auction runs through Oct. 23, and auction items are still being added, so keep checking back. The auction can be reached by links from both the Bayside Hall and JCLT websites.

Thanks to everyone who came out for the Filipino dinner prepared by Bayside Trio Cafe. More than 300 delicious meals were served with proceeds supporting Bayside Hall window restoration.

The hall's next to-go meal will be a locovore brunch on Sunday, Oct. 25 when a crew of hardworking volunteers will prepare a menu using only items sourced from within a 50-mile radius. Think about the details of that and you'll see why they are calling it the 100-mile challenge. See the menu and get your tickets at baysidecommunityhall.org.

As always... if you have Bayside news to share, let me know! Email baysidecommunityhall@gmail.com or call (707) 599-3192.



SONS OF TEMPERANCE In the late 1880s, the Sons of Temperance built this structure at the corner of Old Arcata and Jacoby Creek Roads.

PHOTO COURTESY MAGGIE GAINER

New name, same community mission

BAYSIDE CORNERS

BAYSIDE – As it prepares to initiate a major fundraising drive for the oldest building in the historic downtown hub, Bayside Pride has changed its name to Bayside Corners, Inc.

Incorporated in 2007, the nonprofit organization's mission has been to support community improvements and projects for residents of Bayside, the Jacoby Creek Valley and surrounding communities.

Bayside Corners continues to foster pride in the youth, seniors, natural and historic resources of the Jacoby Creek Val-

ley by serving as a fiscal agent and fundraising arm for Bayside groups and community improvements.

In recent years, traffic safety – especially for pedestrians and bicyclists – has been a focus, as well as providing fund development assistance for repairs and restoration of the Bayside Community Hall.

Bayside Corners will soon launch a fund drive for one of the oldest and central public buildings of historic downtown Bayside, the Mistwood Educational Center.

Constructed by the Sons of Temperance in the early 1980s, this building served as the first Bayside Community Hall and housed the Bayside Grange meetings for nearly 10 years, before construction was finished on the large hall and kitchen in 1940-42.

For many years, it was a popular venue for Humboldt square dancers, and has served as a church on Sundays.

Mistwood Educational Center has provided its program of education to students age 5 to 14 for the last 27 years.

Head Teacher Rebecca Nordquist, said, "This has been a wonderful location and building for generations of our students. It now needs basic repairs on its foundation, roof, electrical, plumbing and heating systems, so that it can continue to serve young people and Bayside."

To join this community effort to repair and restore this valuable historic building and beautification project in Bayside, contact Bayside Corners at 826-2021, and mail your contribution to Bayside Corners at P.O. Box 342, Bayside, CA 95524

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Recommendations, Nov. 2020 CA Propositions *Early results, more organizations weigh in later.*

Y=Yes, N=No Proposition	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	The Propositions
Major Nonprofits, PACs, Etc.													14 Authorizes bonds continuing stem cell research.
ACLU N. CA		Y	Y	Y	Y		N	Y			N		15 Increases funding sources for public schools, community colleges, & local government by changing tax assessment of commercial & industrial property.
CA Alliance for Retired Americans		Y	Y	Y	Y		N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	16 Allows diversity as a factor in public employment, education, & contracting decisions.
CA Chamber of Commerce		N	Y				Y	N	Y	N			17 Restores right to vote after completion of prison term.
CA League of Conservation Voters		Y	Y	Y	Y		N	Y	N				18 Amends CA Constitution to permit 17-year-olds to vote in primary & special elections if they will turn 18 by the next general election & be otherwise eligible to vote.
CA NAACP State Conference		N						N	Y	N	N	N	19 Changes certain property tax rules.
CA State Association of Counties				Y									20 Restricts parole for certain offenses currently considered to be non-violent. Authorizes felony sentences for certain offenses currently treated only as misdemeanors.
CA State PTA		Y	Y			Y							21 Expands local governments' authority to enact rent control on residential property.
CA Taxpayers Assoc.	N	N						N	Y				22 Exempts app-based transportation & delivery companies from providing employee benefits to certain drivers.
California Church IMPACT	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y	N	N	23 Establishes state requirements for kidney dialysis clinics. Requires on-site medical professional.
Consumer Federation of CA		Y										N	24 Amends consumer privacy laws.
Courage Campaign		Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	25 Referendum on law that replaced money bail with system based on public safety & flight risk.
Equality CA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y		N					Y	Last day to request vote-by-mail ballots: Tues. Oct. 26
Friends Comm. on Legislation CA	N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N	N	N	Y	Duplication of these recommendations is encouraged. Do not add or delete information without permission. Contributions go toward printing & mailing expenses. Send to PO Box 385, Arcata, CA 95518. The HOPE Coalition is a project of Redwood Alliance.
Housing CA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	Y	N		Y	Y	Last day to register to vote: Mon. Oct. 19 (You can still "conditionally" register and vote at the County Elections Office after the registration deadline.)
Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Ass.	N	N			N	N		N	Y		N	N	Last day to request replacement VBM ballot: Mon. Oct. 26
League of Women Voters, CA	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N				N	Y	Conditional Voter Registration, Oct. 28 – Nov. 2 : You can register or reregister online or in person, and vote a provisional ballot. Only at Voter Assistance Centers or the Office of elections.
Planned Parenthood Action		Y	Y	Y			N						
Sierra Club		Y	Y	Y						N			
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CA Faculty Association		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N		N	Y	Y	Y	
CA Federation of Teachers		Y	Y	Y	Y		N	Y	N		Y	Y	
CA Labor Federation		Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N		N	Y		Y	
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San José Mercury-News		N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	N	Y	
Santa Rosa Press-Democrat		N	N	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N			
SF Chronicle		N	Y	Y	Y	Y	N	N	N	Y	N	Y	
Election: Tues. Nov. 3 7 am – 8 pm Early voting at your precinct: Oct. 31 – Nov. 2, 8 am – 4 pm See www.smartvoter.org for proposition pros & cons, polling places, candidate statements, voter registration, etc. Automatic Vote-By-Mail (VBM): Office of Elections will mail every registered voter VBM ballots by Oct. 5. For info on registration status & polling places, call Humboldt County Elections Office 707-445-7678.													

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